

PROJECT SUMMARYSNC Reference Number
(enter if previously assigned)**080151****County: Lassen****Applicant: Lassen Land & Trails Trust****Project Title: 101 Ranch Conservation Easement****PROJECT GOAL**

The goal of the 101 Ranch Conservation Easement Project is to protect the 2,318 acre 101 Ranch located within the 19,000 acre Mountain Meadows Conceptual Area Protection Plan. The immediate goal of this project (utilizing SNC Funds) is to complete the negotiation of the conservation easement, appraisal, title work, development of grazing plan, and creation of a baseline documentation report for the conservation easement.

PROJECT SCOPE

Located approximately 5.2 miles east of the town of Westwood, the 2,318 acre 101 Ranch is situated at just over 5,000 ft. above sea level in Lassen County California where the Sierra Nevada Mountains meet the Cascade Mountain range. The 101 Ranch contains sensitive habitat, historical features, and important watersheds and habitat linkage. Contained within the 19,000-acre Mountain Meadow Conceptual Area Protection Plan ("CAPP"), the 101 Ranch is listed as the top-rated priority for acquisition due to its irreplaceable wildlife habitats as well as important natural resources. The ranch contains a variety of habitat, comprised mainly of wet meadows, upland forest and, willow dominated riparian habitat. Goodrich Creek is the dominate riparian corridor within the ranch, and is considered by many anglers to be a world class trout fishery. It is also important to note that the 101 ranch straddles the confluence of three separate watersheds, which links protection efforts to prioritized and sensitive habitat outside of the Mountain Meadows CAPP.

The Mountain Meadows CAPP contains biologically important lands that support a large variety of habitats. These habitats sustain a wide assortment of wildlife including the state-endangered bald eagle and willow flycatcher, state-threatened greater sand hill crane and bank swallow, and state threatened Sierra Nevada red fox. The 101 Ranch is included in an area that may be considered the single most important wood duck nesting sites in northeastern California. In total 8 threatened and endangered species, 21 species of special concern including 17 species of birds occur within this Mountain Meadows Conceptual Area. Bald eagles and golden eagles are common year round and three bald eagle nests are present. Wintering populations of bald eagles (usually 15 to 25) are dependent on high numbers of wintering ducks and geese. Nest success of these bald eagles is critically dependent upon the populations of fish and waterfowl and a lack of disturbance during nesting.

Lassen Land and Trails Trust is requesting \$40,000 from the Sierra Nevada Conservancy to help facilitate the negotiation and legal review of a conservation easement on this property, as well as cover the costs of an easement appraisal, title work, a grazing plan, and the creation of a baseline report and monitoring plan for the property.

LETTERS OF SUPPORT

Insert list of letters of support included with application.

SNC PROJECT DELIVERABLES AND SCHEDULE

DETAILED PROJECT DELIVERABLES	TIMELINE
INCLUDE SPECIFIC TASKS IDENTIFIED IN SCOPE AND ALL REPORTS, ETC.	ASSUME START DATE 60 DAYS AFTER SNC BOARD AUTHORIZATION
Easement negotiations and legal review of documents	February—June 2009
Development of a grazing plan (concurrent with easement negotiations)	February—June 2009
6 Month Progress Report	June 30, 2009
Title Work	June 30, 2009
Easement Appraisal	June—August 2009
Completion of a Baseline Documentation Report for the Easement	August—October 31 st 2009
Final Grant Report	December 2009

SNC PROJECT COSTS

PROJECT BUDGET CATEGORIES	TOTAL SNC FUNDING
Easement negotiations (LLTT Staff)	\$15,000
Development of a grazing plan (Consultant)	\$5,000
Title Work /Appraisal (Consultant)	\$10,000
Completion of a Baseline Documentation Report for the Easement (LLTT Staff)	\$5,000
Completion of Grant Reports/Progress Reports/Performance Measures (LLTT Staff)	\$5,000
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SNC GRANT TOTAL	\$40,000